



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED Reclamation Plan Amendment for the Gordon Sand Company Guadalupe Division Case No. 17RPP-00000-00001 and 17CDP-00000-00057**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Gordon Sand Company proposes a Reclamation Plan Amendment and Coastal Development Permit to extend existing mining operations at the Guadalupe Sand Mine 100 years to March 1, 2115.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located west of the community of Guadalupe within the area known as the Guadalupe Sand Dunes, APNs 113-020-09, 113-020-013, 113-020-020, and 113-020-021, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 20NGD-00000-00009. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on October 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Due to the non-complex nature of the project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** Gordon Sand Company is requesting approval of a Reclamation Plan Amendment and Coastal Development Permit to extend existing mining operations at the Guadalupe sand mine 100 years to March 1, 2115. The extended end date serves to reflect the average annual production rate and Gordon Sand Company estimates for the rate of natural sand replenishment at the site. Other proposed changes to the Reclamation Plan include implementing active revegetation in certain areas only if natural revegetation is not evident within the first three years following cessation of mining. The proposal to extend the life of the mining operation by 100 years would not increase the mining area or the volume of excavation over the existing Conditional Use Permit No. 77-CP-66 (CZ) of 60,000 tons annually. Daily operations at the sand mine would continue with no substantial change over the current conditions.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (20NGD-00000-00009) pursuant to Section 15073 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. P&D's issuance of an MND affirms our opinion that any significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed project may be reduced to a less than significant level with the adoption of mitigation measures and that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The MND prepared for the project

identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: aesthetics, air quality, and biological resources. If the project description changes, P&D will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. This reevaluation will be subject to all regular fees and conditions. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The draft MND may be viewed online at:  
<https://cosantabarbara.box.com/s/s6zcza72776w523kooibubu60xq22y04>

All documents incorporated by reference in the MND may be reviewed by contacting the project planner below.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the project planner, Jacquelynn Ybarra at [jybarra@countyofsb.org](mailto:jybarra@countyofsb.org) or via phone at (805) 568-2055, prior to the close of public comment on October 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact County Hearing Support Staff at (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.